

SPECIAL COMMISSION OF ANTINARCOTICS DIRECTORATE - COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE TO ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Kabul, August 2, 2006

REF:

Report

#### **ANTECEDENTS:**

#### References:

- 1. Invitation from General MOHAMMED DAUD DAUD, Vice-minister of Interior for Antinarcotics of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, August 27, 2005 to General LUIS ALBERTO GOMEZ HEREDIA, Antinarcotics Directorate, Colombian National Police, Colonel YAMILK MORENO, Deputy Director, and Major RAUL FERNANDO LOPEZ, International Liaison Officer, to visit the Afghanistan Antinarcotics Units.
- 2. Coordination conducted by Colombian Ambassador to the United Nations in Vienna General ROSSO JOSE SERRANO CADENA to organize an information exchange between the Afghan and Colombian antinarcotics units .
- 3. Letter from JULIE G. CONNOR, Director Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS), US Embassy Bogota., November 21, 2005, inviting Colombian Police Antinarcotics Directorate Officers to Afghanistan to share their experiences in combating illicit crops and drug trafficking.
- 4. The Colombian National Police Director and the US and UK Embassies in Bogota agreed to establish visit dates for time frame July 18 to August 05, 2006.

#### **DELEGATION:**

# COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE

Lieutenant Colonel OSCAR ATEHORTUA DUQUE Chief, Antinarcotics Interdiction

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# US EMBASSY BOGOTA:

# **KEVIN HIGGINS**

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#### **ITINERARY:**

July 18, 2006, Bogotá - New York - London

July 23, 2006, London - Dubai.

July 24, 2006, Dubai - Kabul.

August 02, 2006, Kabul - Dubai

August 03, 2006, Dubai - London

August 04, 2006, London - New York.

August 05, 2006, New York - Bogotá.

#### **EVENTS:**

# LONDON (UNITED KINGDOM):

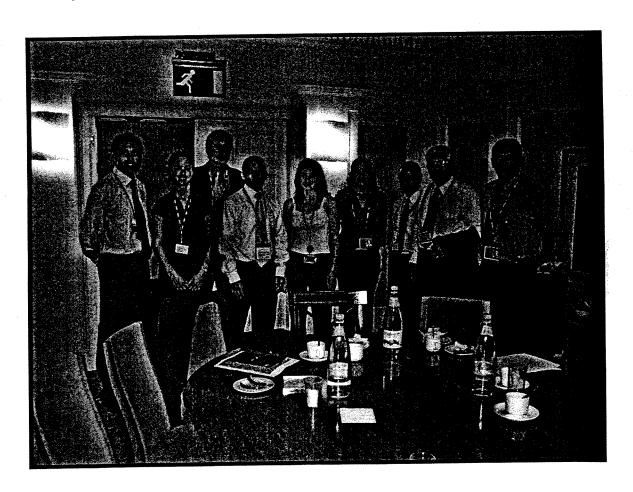
July 19, 2006: Arrive London. Visit the Office of International Affairs and Trade, UK Foreign Ministry. UK Foreign Ministry provided Afghan visas for the Delegation.

July 20, 2006: Meeting with Strategic Planning and Joint Intelligence Center, Department of Defence, United Kingdom. Miss CLAUDIA SPAWLS, International Affairs, UK Department Defense set up meeting with UK officials who provided updates on Afghanistan. Also in attendance were Colonel Carlos VARGAS RINCON, Colombian National Police Attaché in London and UK Army Colonel Mark Ridley, Defense Attaché UK Embassy, Bogota.

Visit to the English Parliament, House of Commons. Delegation observed floor debate ion Lebanon crisis.

Meeting with Mr. Alfonso Lopez Caballero, Colombian Ambassador to the UK at the Ambassador's Reception celebrating Colombian Independence Day.

July 21, 2006: Meeting with Serious Organized Crime Agency (SOCA), UK Foreign Ministry. Briefings included an overview on Afghan antinarcotics units, the UK sponsored Afghan prison program, and the Justice Sector Reform program. LTC Atehortua gave an overview of the current situation in Colombia to the UK Foreign Ministry Colombian and South American Desk Officers.



## **AFGHANISTAN**

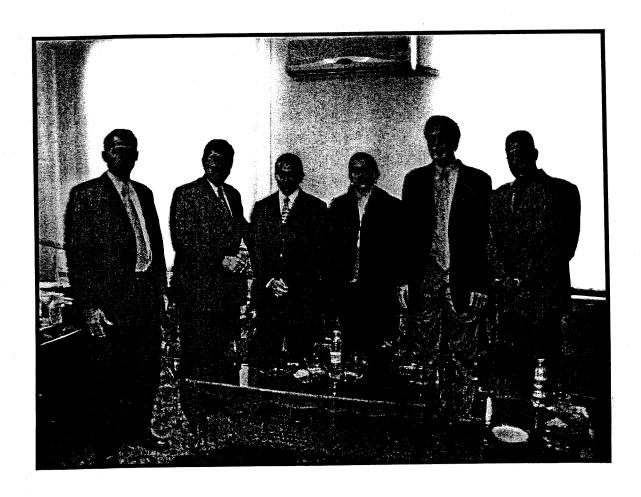
July 24, 2006: Arrive Kabul. US Embassy Kabul personnel receive delegation. US Embassy Kabul provides overview of Afghanistan programs and review the visit schedule.

July 25, 2006: Meeting with Afghanistan Antinarcotics Minister, HABIBULLAH QADERI, to discuss purpose of visit.

Meeting with General MOHAMMED DAUD DAUD, Vice-minister of Antinarcotics, Afghanistan. Provided a Colombia briefing to the key Generals and Commanders of the various Afghan antinarcotics units.

The following topics were discussed:

- 1. Drug trafficking Situation in Colombia
- 2. Colombian Government policies in fight against drug trafficking
- 3. Colombian National Police Strategy Antinarcotics Directorate:
  - a. Prevention.
  - b. Eradication
  - c. Interdiction.
  - d. Results 2005 2006
- 4. Discussion and answers to questions



Meeting with General SAYED KAMAL SADAAT, Afghanistan Antinarcotics Director. General Sadaat provided an overview on his unit's organization, mission and operational results. The Colombian delegation amplified points made in the earlier presentation.

July 26, 2006: Conducted DEA King Air fixed wing over flight of Afghanistan, flying along the China, Pakistan and Tajikistan border areas. , Trafficking routes, poppy cultivations and likely heroin lab areas were observed. Visited the US Army 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group compound in Jalalabad.



July 27, 2006: Visit to new Maximum Security Penitentiary of Afghanistan. This prison is designed to house drug criminals.



The Delegation provided the Colombia overview brief to the DEA FAST members and the Blackwater Trainers assigned to the National Interdiction Unit (NIU) Afghanistan.

July 28, 2006: Social event with Vice Minister of Interior for Antinarcotics, General MOHAMMED DAUD DAUD and other key staff.

July 29, 2006: Meeting with General MOHAMMAD ASIF JABARKHEL, National Interdiction Unit (NIU) Commander.

The delegation provided the Colombia Overview brief to the Afghanistan National Interdiction Units (N.I.U), groups 1 and 3.

Working Lunch with General MIR ABDUL RAZAQ AMIRI, Commanding General of the Afghanistan Eradication Force. Discussed maunal eradication rechniques used in Colombia.

July 30, 2006: Provided Colombia Overview briefing to key members of the UK Embassy, Kabul. Group was headed by ALISTAIR CORBETT, Narcotics Affairs Section, UK Embassy, Kabul.

Conducted helicopter over flight of Bagram Valley in INL Air Wing UH-II helicopters. The helos over flew poppy growing regions and possible heroin lab locations.

Visit to General AMINULLAH, Border Police Commander, Kabul International Airport. We discussed airport security procedures and methods for identifying drug traffickers. General AMINULLAH discussed the possibility of conducting a visit to Colombia to observe Colombia airport procedures.

July 31, 2006: Delegation provided the Colombia Overview brief to Afghanistan Interdiction Units (N.I.U), groups 2 and 4.

Captain EMILSE JANNETH GARCIA CUBILLOS met with the 12 female members of the Afghan National Interdiction Unit. During the working lunch, CPT Janneth discussed the role of women in the Colombian National Police.



August 01, 2006: Conducted out brief of the visit with Afghan Antinarcotics Minister



HABIBULLAH QADERI. We summarized our activities and observations.

We held a joint press conference with Vice Minister HABIBULLAH QADERI. This conference was conducted in front of 16 print and TV journalists, local, national, and international. The meeting was conducted in three languages (SPANISH - ENGLISH - DARI).

Met with Ambassador Neumann, US Embassy, Kabul. We provided an overview of our activities and observations and discussed the road ahead and possible future exchanges between Colombia and Afghanistan.

The Delegation recommended the following:

- 1) November 1 thru Dec 15, 2006. Send two Jungla Instructors to Afghanistan to work alongside the US training cadre at the Afghan National Interdiction Unit (NIU) training school in Kabul. The Jungla Instructors will review the NIU Program of Instruction and NIU operational and training methods and offer suggestions for improvement. These two Jungla Instructors will also conduct the selection, assessment, and preparation of the five Afghan NIU members that will attend the Colombian Jungla Comando Course (February 15 thru May 15 2007).
- 2) February 15 thru May 15, 2007. Send five members of the Afghan National Interdiction Unit (NIU) to the 18-week Colombian Jungla Comando Course in Espinal, Colombia. The Colombian Jungla Course, founded in 1989, trains future members of the Colombian Antinarcotics Police Airmobile Interdiction Companies. The three airmobile companies (Bogota, Santa Marta, and Tulua) have enjoyed great success in conducting high risk operations against HVTs operations and Cocaine HCL labs. The Afghan NIU has a similar mission. The five Afghan NIU members will be able to share this professional development experience with their fellow team members upon return to Kabul. A US Army 7th Special Forces Group soldier (with Afghan experience) will help sponsor and interpret for the Afghans. Should this exchange be successful, consideration should be given to sending additional Afghans to follow-on courses (Medical Course, Sapper Course, and Intelligence Course).

3) February 15 thru March 1, 2007. Invite the Kabul International Airport Commander and staff to Colombia to see DIRAN's airport interdiction program. The Kabul International Airport (KIA) inspection program is in its infancy. The KIA police have enjoyed some early successes in interdicting "mulas" transporting heroin. The Colombian delegation felt that the Afghan efficiency would further improve if they could see the Colombian methods and procedures.

# **DEVELOPMENT VISIT:**

LONDON (UNITED KINGDOM):

August 03, 2006: Conducted an AAR with SOCA, UK Foreign Ministry.

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